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LIVELY CONTEST
AT CONVENTION OF
AMERICAN LEGION

St. Louis and Kansas City engaged in a lively contest at the opening session of the annual convention of the American Legion in St. Joseph Monday afternoon, with the result that a resolution urging the removal of the ninth district office of the Bureau of War Risks Insurance from St. Louis to Kansas City was adopted. Supporters declared that Kansas City would be more accessible to Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas.

A resolution endorsing Bennett Clark, son of Champ Clark, former speaker of the House of Representatives, for national commander of the Legion was defeated.

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, draft evader, was made the subject of a resolution which was never read in full.

When the State Adjutant arose and said that he had a resolution concerning Bergdoll, a delegate from the hall shouted.

"Mr. Commander I move that the resolution be adopted." There was a shout of approval and the resolution was declared adopted.

It commended the alien property custodian for his action in selling Bergdoll's property in this country.

The Missouri state executive committee to the American Legion opened a two-day session in St. Joseph Monday. Practically every post in the State was represented in the 200 out of town delegates.

The place for the convention next year will probably be hotly contested as Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Excelsior Springs, Joplin and Hannibal are in the race to secure it.

The opening address at the present meeting was made by Col. Clay McDonald of St. Joseph.

More Students
Attend County
Schools This Year

County Superintendent Ed C. Offutt has just returned from a trip over the county in which he visited a large number of the Audrain schools. He reported that there is a larger enrollment in the county schools than there ever has been in the past. Some districts report that the attendance has jumped up to a hundred per cent more than they had last year.

Meetings have been arranged in the different townships for meetings to be held in the interest of the agricultural phase of the school work. The meetings will start some time in August and will continue throughout that month. Several prominent men who are authorities on agriculture will be at the meetings to address the farmers.

Mr. Offutt made arrangements while on his trip for the opening of the Vandavia Brick Plant School. This school is for the children of the employees of the brick plant there and will be opened next Tuesday, September 13.

Mr. Offutt reports that all of the schools in the county that he visited are doing fine work. The attendance is excellent and the work being done by the students of a fine quality. He also reported that the people of the county seem to be more interested in their schools and what was done in them than ever before in his experience.

MARGARET EUNGER SUES
FORMER HUSBAND,
HARRY MCALISTER

The case of Margaret Eunger against her former husband Harry McAlister for \$7,630, which she alleges was the amount expended by her for the support of their children, was called in the circuit court Saturday. Margaret Eunger secured a divorce from her husband in 1905.

Rents to C. of C. John Beal is improving the old Messing office building and has rented it to the Mexico Chamber of Commerce. The present Chamber of Commerce rooms in the Ledger building, will be remodeled at once into a modern business office for the Ledger. Mr. Beal will store his newspaper equipment in the rear of the room.

Marriage License Issued. A marriage license has been issued at the county recorder's office to John E. Campbell and Miss Emma Smith both of Wellsville.

Mrs. Nathan Spencer, of Laddonia, was in Mexico on business Monday.



MISS GARNELLE HALEY
Moberly girl who won \$1,000 prize in Beauty Contest.

K. C. LIGHT
COMPANY HAS
PLANS HERE

ARMSTRONG, Mo., September 20.—Information from a source that is believed to be authoritative brings the news that the Kansas City Light and Power Company will put up a \$1,000,000 light on a tract of land recently purchased at Glasgow. Power would be distributed to all neighboring towns and would mean the solving of the light and power problems of all the towns in this section. The company has a line as far as Higginsville and ultimately hopes to extend it as far as Mexico.

Representatives of the Kansas City Light Co., have been negotiating with the Missouri Utilities Co., of this city, regarding a contract between the two companies. They have also visited Columbia, Moberly, and other nearby cities estimating the amount of business probable if they extended their lines to this territory and sold their power in this section.

Nothing definite has been done regarding Mexico. The plans have not been dropped although for some weeks nothing has been said about the matter of extension between the two companies.

Big Crowd Sees
Demolay Parade
Thursday Night

The exhibition drill and concert by 200 Demolays who were in Mexico for two hours Thursday night was witnessed by a large crowd. The boys in their bright colored uniforms was a brilliant spectacle.

The delegation reached here at 5:55 and gave a short parade. They then went to the Christian Church where they were given a chicken dinner. After dinner they went to the court house square where Judge Cunningham introduced Frank Land, Grand Scribe of the organization and Roy B. Densow, Grand Organizer who made short talks, telling of the purposes of the Order.

The boys left at 8 o'clock for Louisiana, from where they will go to St. Louis. The Order of Demolays has been organized a comparatively short time but already has over 200,000 members. Chapters have been established in Manila and Porto Rico and will soon be organized in foreign countries. Many applications have been received for membership in the Mexico chapter which will be formed soon. It is the prevailing idea that only sons of Masons are eligible to membership but any boy of sixteen is eligible.

Frances Key, son of Mrs. Jessie Key formerly of Mexico, was the drummer of the band. Edwin Campbell, son of B. M. Campbell, also formerly of Mexico was a member of the delegation. They are both fine young men and are now living in Kansas City.

The number of day students at Hardin College this year is unusually large. No exact record of the number has been made yet but it is known that it is the largest enrollment of day students the college has ever had. The capacity of the College which is about one hundred and forty is taxed to the utmost. The enrollment now is larger than it was at any time last year.

"Father and Son Week." WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—National "father and son week" will be observed Nov. 6 to 12, armistice week. It was announced by J. A. Vande, national director of the movement.

The Farm Club Department

The Ledger has for some time been engaged in working up a Farm Club Department for the Weekly Ledger.

"We are doing this because we feel such a department will be of decided service to the farmers.

In this column the activities of the various clubs can be detailed and the announcements of special meetings and other matters of interest placed.

We trust the Farm Club members will co-operate with us in making this department a success. It is only through their help that this can be done.

If you are a member of a Farm Club we ask your co-operation in this work.

L. Mitchell White

Farm Club Notes

FARM CLUB MEETINGS
(Send us your dates)

CEGAR GROVE FARM CLUB—

Every Thursday night.

BEAVER DAM FARM CLUB—

Every Friday night.

Molino meets every other Friday night.

Cedar Grove will give an ice cream supper to its members Thursday night all members are urged to be present as there is business of importance to be attended to.

There will be a carnival at Liberty School Saturday. Prizes will be given for the best farm crops and stock. Four clubs will co-operate in giving the show. They are Liberty, Benton City, Jackson and Sunrise.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ray of Eldorado Springs, Mo., who are visiting W. H. Ray of near Benton City were in Mexico Friday. Mr. Ray visited the Farmers' elevator while here and expressed himself as much pleased with the work that is being done. He was connected with an elevator company for several years and is now vice-president of the Farmers' Cold Storage plant at Clinton, Mo.

The Fox Farm Club gave a watermelon feast last week for its members and their families. Between sixty and one hundred were present. About eight hundred and fifty pounds of watermelon were consumed. A very enjoyable evening was reported by all those present.

This club under the leadership of Grant Ectele is a wide awake organization, with about thirty members. They meet every two weeks at the Fox School House. They have arranged to put on progress some interesting features until after Christmas. All neighbors and friends are invited to attend. These meetings whether they are members of the club or not.

One of the big events in Audrain County will be the carnival Saturday at Liberty school house, better known as "Mud-Dobber" held under the auspices of Mud-Dobber Farm Club.

There will be a corn show, farm club display, mule show, horse racing, mule racing, rooster fighting and other events.

One of the many interesting displays is "Red Smith's" wonder pumpkin, which is being converted into a speakers' stand. It required 10 men to roll it out of "pumpkin holler". Work has begun on the stairway leading to the top where the orators of the day will make their addresses. The interior is being converted into a spanking room for the convenience of the ladies.

Secretary Fletcher Sims will have plenty of short haired goats on the ground groomed and ready to ride for any new members that may join that day.

President, "Red Marshall" wishes to have it stated for the convenience of the ladies, in case of extreme heat or possible showers he will have a bucket of red paint and a pall of whitewash on a stump in the rear of the school house.

Music will be furnished by the Fox Hunters of the vicinity. Other clubs participating are, Benton City, Jackson and Sunrise.

Loney Hutcherson has returned to his home in Quincy, Ill., after being here at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. A. L. Hunt.

The many friends of Mrs. J. C. Rings will be glad to know she is better.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Botts have returned to their home in Chicago.

PARTY LINES
DON'T HOLD
IN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The customary agitation over an upset in the senate organization is now going the rounds. One day Senator Lodge is to be kicked out of the leadership. The next day the fight on Lodge is supposed to be all settled and it is Cummins of Iowa, the President protegee who is to step out and make way for a general revision of the senate management. The same kind of stories are daily occurrences with respect to the House organization. There is an element of fact behind some or even most of them, for there have been continuous caucuses on the part of dissatisfied Republicans proposing this or that change in the organization, under the belief things would function better in congress.

In the old days, when the organization said that a thing should go it went. Where there was some reason for the public to take some interest in who held the titular office in the organizations of house and senate. The Harding election was supposed to mark a return of normalcy in the matter of party regularity. It has in some respects, but not in congress. When the organization cracks the whip and tells the membership to line up because the party organization demands it, they get a response of some wiggling fingers at the nose and a gruff: "Where do you get off that stuff?"

But resolved down to actualities, there is a Republican President in the White House setting an administration policy. And when those policies get to Capitol Hill, they are met and handled not by party lines or machinery but by group machinery. Every one begins figuring how it is going to affect his district or state in the terms of the industry of his state. And he votes that way, nine times out of ten. The party line or decision doesn't hold them like it used to. That is the real key to the present situation—not the leadership, easy as it is to blame weak leadership for all the troubles.

Cousin of W. R.
Dudley Buried
in St. Louis Sat.

Russell Riggs, a cousin of W. R. Dudley of Mexico, who was killed in action in France was buried in the Memorial Park Cemetery at St. Louis Saturday afternoon. Funeral services were held at Ironton, Mo. The funeral was conducted by the American Legion.

During the funeral service at Ironton all business was suspended. Mr. Riggs is the son of the Rev. Milford Riggs now in charge of the Baptist Old Folks' Home at Ironton. He has preached in Mexico a number of times and has many friends here.

OLLIE GILLISPIE TO
RECEIVE \$2500 IN SUIT
AGAINST C. AND A.

A verdict of \$2,500 for the plaintiff was made in the case of Ollie Gillispie against the Chicago and Alton Railroad for damages for the death of her son who was killed at Farber.

P. H. Cullen, of St. Louis, is here on business.

William Pollock is some better. His heat of fire will be glad to hear this good news.

Tom DeLaPorte of Laddonia was in Mexico Sunday.

TOIL AHEAD
OF CONGRESS;
MUCH SPARRING

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Congress will be confronted with the necessity of completing work on measures which are a vital part of the administration's program when it reconvenes this week.

Congressional elections are approaching and both parties are sparring for issues to lay before the voters when they have their first opportunity to register opinion of what the Republican administration has accomplished. So far as the Republicans are concerned, it is indicated the movement for the limitation of armaments will occupy a large place in their claim for votes. But tariff and taxes will be much discussed.

Efforts will be made to put through the revenue bill with as little delay as possible. The public has been clamoring for it, a fact that members of congress have observed during the month's recess now about to end.

Democrats in Political Move. The intention of the Democrats to make political capital of the taxation program is shown in correspondence they have just sent out.

The retention of the excess profits tax and the higher surtaxes for 1921 and the restoration of the duties eliminated or lowered by the house, with a further increase of the tax on smaller corporations, does not harmonize with the administration claims of reducing government expenditures," this correspondence says.

The Republicans, it is claimed, have failed to keep pre-election promises. Corporations, the correspondence says, are adding their complaints to those of the people, now that the excess profits tax is to be kept until 1922.

The Revenue Bill First. "They will have the consolation however," it says, "that they will be relieved of a large part of their taxes in 1922, the burdens of which will be shifted to the backs of the less fortunate people."

Herbert Dillson
of Alaska Enrolls
in Academy Here

On the registration books of Missouri Military Academy there was entered on the 17th of this month "Herbert Dillson, Fairbanks, Alaska." It sounds like a story doesn't it, it is one. Herbert Dillson knows what he wants and he knew that he wanted to come to the United States to school because he had not "been there before" and when he saw the advertisement of Missouri Military Academy in a magazine he knew that was the school he wanted to attend. And so far although he hasn't had much time to formulate his opinions of Missouri he is well satisfied with his choice.

Mr. Dillson plans to stay here about two years and then return to Alaska where he will enter the mining business.

FULTON COMPANY TO FURNISH
CHICAGO & ALTON
RAILROAD 55,000 TIES

Brown and Henderson Company of Fulton have closed a contract with the Chicago and Alton Railroad for 50,000 white oak ties that are to be furnished before the end of the summer.

A contract with the firm for the ties was made earlier in the season but was canceled after it had been partly filled because of the financial condition of the company. Cancellation of the contract threw a great number of tie hucksters out of employment but the making of the new contract will enable most of them to resume operations.

Don Squires Injured. Don Squires, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Squires, fell Friday while crossing the C. & A. tracks at the Jefferson street crossing, and painfully injured himself. His many friends will be glad to know he was not seriously hurt. Don, who is a hunter, has been made District Manager for the Curtis Publishing Co. His territory comprises Mexico and as he is a "go-getter" he will make his new business grow.

Mrs. John C. Morfit, of St. Louis, who was Miss Sallie Vandever, of this city, is the guests of her mother, Mrs. Lucy Vandever, of Mexico. Her many friends will be glad to see her back home.

The Rev. A. A. Wallace and the Rev. H. B. Barks are attending Presbytery at Laddonia this week.



ROBERT LOUIS CAUTHORN

CAUTHORN FAMILY
SECURE DETAILS
OF SONS DEATH

The funeral of Robert L. Cauthorn, Audrain County boy, who was killed in the battle of Argonne Forest started from the home of Mrs. Bots in Woodlawn at 1:30 Friday afternoon.

Three years of anxious inquiry on the part of Cauthorn's relatives and friends have resulted in but little knowledge of the details of his death. Mr. Cauthorn, who was the youngest son of Theodore and Elizabeth Cauthorn who live near Molino in company with his elder brother Thomas Cauthorn were chosen and went with the second draft contingent of Audrain County boys to the training camp near Fort Riley, Kansas. There the brothers were separated, Lewis being assigned to the 35th division and Thomas to the 89th.

While in training, Lewis developed heart trouble and upon being given the option of discharge or regular service, chose the latter. He was then assigned to Company F, 137th Infantry.

He was reported missing, then "wounded slightly," then "dead, cause and date unknown." It is not known in what source the army officers got their information but in the records at Washington now appears after his name, "killed in action near Exermond, France, October 2, 1918." The record of the chaplain shows that he was buried near Exermond October 15.

Before these records were available the family had instituted inquiries through the Red Cross but that organization could find no hospital record. From that it was inferred he was treated on the field for a slight wound and re-entered the battle. No personal effects except his identification card were found on his body.

It is a historical fact that the Argonne Forest was one of the most deadly fortified areas in the entire war. The 35th composed mostly of Missouri boys was almost decimated there.

Three comrades of Lewis, Claude McFadin, Roy Johnson and Charles Vanlandingham, neighbor boys who survive, report that they never saw him after the 29th of September. They had all entered the battle together, on the 26th. On the 29th Johnson was wounded, and on recovering consciousness, saw Lewis, with others who had been with him, still advancing under a withering rain of shells and machine gun fire. Vanlandingham also saw him the same day, attached to a different command from their own, all lying flat on the ground for shelter from the rain of bullets, awaiting orders to charge. That Lewis called to him and told him that he had not been hit so far.

These young men all agree that much of the forest through which they were fighting was filled with machine gun nests and every kind of death trap that the Germans had been able to contrive in the four years that they had held it, and that much of it had not been taken by artillery fire in advance, so that they were subjected to every conceivable surprise, that regiments and companies were broken up into squads of a few men in each, with orders, if they were lost from their own commands, to join any command they came across and continue the fight to the end of the action, and that Lewis was undoubtedly fighting with some other company than his own after the twenty-ninth of September. They state too, that the losses of the division, or at least their apt of it were so heavy that they were ordered to retire and that the ground that they had taken was, for a few days, re-occupied by the Germans.

From these facts the inference is clear that Lewis met his death before the retirement, that the Germans found his body and as was the custom

WETS BUSY UNDER
COVER DECLARES
ANTI-SALOON MAN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The movement started by "wets" with the slogan "wine and beer for home use," as the keystone, was attacked by Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the antialcohol league, as merely a fight for nullification of the eighteenth amendment.

Early in August, there were reports of a conference held in New York, attended by some of the leading liberals of the country, as a result of which it was disclosed that anti-prohibition forces, as represented by a group of national organizations opposed to prohibition, and virtually agreed to abandon Washington, tiring of several years of useless endeavor to shake the hold of the "dry" majority in congress. It was revealed the liberals intended to turn their attention from the Capitol to the people who choose the legislators and to work to shape sentiments in the congressional districts throughout the country to modify prohibition.

The movement is well under way in the East, but has not yet shown headway westward, although the "drys" in western states are on the alert against it, and the Ohio Anti-Saloon League already has held meetings at Columbus at which plans were laid to combat the new campaign against prohibition.

The leaders of the liberal movement are at work with several secrete organizations, taking members at \$1 a head for the new organization which is to wage the beer and wine fight.

Mrs. Tom Mitchell
Dies Near Benton
City Wednesday

Mrs. Tom Mitchell died Wednesday at her home three miles northeast of Benton City from tuberculosis. She had been ill for many months.

Mrs. Mitchell was sixty-one years old and had lived her entire life on the same farm. She is survived by her husband and four children: Mrs. Grover Weber of Rush Hill, John Mitchell of Colorado and Euel Mitchell and Claude Mitchell of Benton City and 8 grand children.

Mrs. Mitchell was a member of the Christian Church of Benton City and was always a loyal supporter of its activities. She was well loved for her pleasing personality and willingness to help others.

The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock Saturday at Benton City. The Rev. W. M. Cameron of Centralia will conduct the service. Burial will be in the Benton City cemetery.

The Ledger sympathizes with the many sorrowing friends of Mrs. Mitchell.

Carlos Aguilar
Pleads Guilty to
Forgery Charges

Carlos Aguilar, who was arrested in New York and brought back to Mexico to face two charges of forgery pled guilty Friday morning and was sentenced to five years imprisonment in the State penitentiary on charge one and five years additional for charge two. Aguilar is about twenty-one years old and because of his youth, applications were filed for his parole. Aguilar will reimburse those whose checks he forged and if paroled will be taken back to his home in New York.

Mrs. Mark Ravenscraft, of near Hallsville, Mo., who has been here at the bedside of Mrs. A. L. Hunt, returned to her home Saturday.

in the war, stripped it of valuables, and after they were again driven back, his body was found and buried. These facts readily account for the long interval between his death and burial, for there being no personal effects preserved, an dthe long delay in establishing the date and cause of his death.

It is comforting to know that this lovable young man, when last seen was performing his duty with modest heroism, and that at last his mortal body lies at rest in the peaceful country churchyard near the homes of his parents and brothers, whom he loved and loved him with an affection too strong for words to express.